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of Biological Material

4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit

9. Other

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DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 1-20 are allowed.

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: with respect to claims 1, 10, and 16, in addition to other limitations in the claims, the prior art fails to teach or disclose the applicant's invention as claimed, particularly the feature describing:

the programmable bias controller or output adjustment logic that combines a bias amount with the reference impedance control input to provide the output impedance control input.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

4. Hansen et al (6,133,749) discloses an impedance output driver having a bias circuit to match the driver output impedance; but there is no combines bias amount or value with the reference impedance control input.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Anh Q. Tran whose telephone number is 571-272-1813. The examiner can normally be reached on M-TH (7:00-5:30) Friday off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael Tokar can be reached on 571-272-1812. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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